

# CARTSNEWS

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

All the news is good! Since the last newsletter seven people have asked to be added to our mailing list; that brings our total number to 61. And, our first meeting was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> in Rock Hill with seven people in attendance – not counting two accompanying spouses. That's not as many as had been hoped, but all in all the first meeting was a great success. (A more detailed report on the Rock Hill meeting can be found below.)

At the November meeting the following officers were elected and/or appointed. We will begin with two elected officers and an appointed editor, and see what structure evolves.

**President:** Tony Chibbaro

**Secretary / Treasurer:** Bob King

**Editor:** Don Bailey

So now we take the next step in the birth process of CARTS. Those on our mailing list who wish to continue receiving CARTSNEWS and officially become a charter member of CARTS must send a check for \$10.00, made payable to CARTS, to our treasurer, Bob King, on or before January 15, 2005. These people will become charter members of CARTS and on January 25 a random drawing will determine the membership number of each charter member.

No paid advertising will be taken for the next (February) issue of the newsletter. But in that newsletter advertising rates will be published and we will then begin to accept – indeed solicit – paid advertising, along with the free classifieds.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, folks, it's official now. The Carolina Token Society (CARTS) is a functioning entity, complete with three officers and an empty treasury. Our initial meeting was a success, with a total of seven collectors in attendance. There was a little bit of buying and selling going on, and I saw some decent tokens trade hands. The slide show went well, and, all told, it was a good meeting. (The meeting room was simply fantastic. Thank you, Don, for arranging for its rental and donating its cost to the club.)

We hope to carry into the future and make CARTS an enduring phenomenon, but we need your help -- in the form of articles for the newsletter, in the form of free ads, in the form of prompt dues payments, and especially in the form of participation at future meetings. We hope to have up to two meetings per year, geographically and temporally spaced apart, so that all members will have an opportunity to attend. That's about it for now.

Happy Collecting,  
Tony Chibbaro - President, CARTS

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Comments, suggestions, reactions, (maybe even) criticism, will be gratefully accepted. Let us know! **Articles, New Finds, Announcements, and Classifieds to Don Bailey only! Dues to Bob King only!**

## A Pair of Medallions from Brookgreen Gardens

Tony Chibbaro



If you have ever visited Myrtle Beach and driven south on U.S. 17 to Murrells Inlet or Pawleys Island, you may have taken notice of a large sculpture on the right hand side of the road. The massive aluminum casting, which depicts two stallions raised on their hind legs, marks the entrance to one of my favorite places in South Carolina - Brookgreen Gardens.

Brookgreen Gardens was founded in 1931 as America's first public sculpture garden by philanthropist Archer M. Huntington and his sculptor wife Anna Hyatt Huntington. The Huntingtons had purchased the old Brookgreen plantation and three adjoining properties in 1929 and had originally envisioned building a winter home there. Their plans changed, and instead they conceived of a showplace for American figurative sculpture within a refuge for native plants and animals. Today, Brookgreen contains over 900 sculptural works placed amid more than 50 acres of beautifully landscaped settings, creating an idyllic spot for a few hours of quiet relaxation for visitors to South Carolina's seacoast.

Most who visit Brookgreen, however, are unaware of the many numismatic connections which exist there. Numerous sculptors whose works are featured at Brookgreen have also designed some of our nation's most beautiful coins. Artists like James Earl Fraser (Buffalo Nickel), A.A. Weinman (Mercury Dime and Walking Liberty Half), Hermon MacNeil (Standing Liberty Quarter), Anthony De Francisci (Peace Dollar), and Augustus St. Gaudens (Gold Eagle and Double Eagle) have works placed at Brookgreen. Even Archer Huntington himself has a numismatic tie-in – he

donated the building which until this year housed the American Numismatic Society's headquarters in New York City.

Brookgreen also sponsors the nation's only ongoing medallic sculpture series. *The Brookgreen Gardens Series of Medals* began in 1972 and has issued a medal every year since. The program's purpose is to "commission medallic art by outstanding American sculptors, to provide these works of art to Brookgreen's patrons, and to celebrate three themes of particular importance to Brookgreen Gardens: sculpture, the natural world, and the history of South Carolina."



The 2004-05 issue is pictured above. The 3-inch bronze medal was executed by Tuck Langland, who was the Kenan Master Sculptor in residence at Brookgreen when he completed the design work for the piece. The medal is titled "*She, Slave*" and addresses Brookgreen's history as a functioning rice plantation in the late 1700s and 1800s. The medal's obverse features a view of distant slaves laboring in a rice field, while the reverse pictures a revealing portrait of one of those slaves. The latter depiction is most expressive, showing the dignity, pride, and strength that is often unrecognized when looking at the South's slave-holding past. The medal was struck by the Medallic Art Company of Dayton, Nevada.



Brookgreen also sponsored an additional medal this year which is not part of the ongoing series. This special issue, also struck by the Medallic Art Company in the same format, commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of *Briggs v. Elliott*, South Carolina's landmark civil rights case which became part of the U.S. Supreme Court case known as *Brown v. Board of Education*. The medal was designed by Preston Jackson of Peoria, Illinois and speaks to the dualities which existed in South Carolina's educational system in the 1950s. The left side of the obverse depicts a brand new school bus and a modern school building for white students, while African-American students are shown walking home from an old schoolhouse on the right. The reverse

pictures the positive effects of the Supreme Court decision – the scales of justice are equally balanced - and the staircase envisions a way to achieve one's goals in life.

**Both medals can be purchased directly from Brookgreen by calling their office at 843-235-6015 or 800-849-1931.**

## NEW FINDS

**Bob King**



**Twitty Drug Co. / Rutherfordton / N.C. // Good For Drinks / (ornament) / And / (ornament) / Cigars Only – Rd, Al, 19mm.**

**Note:** Dr. T.B. Twitty owned Twitty Drug Company from 1902 through 1912.



**Cobb's Pool Room / (ornament) / 107 / North Main / St. / Lexington, N.C. // Trade / Check – Rd, Cp, 26mm.**

**Note:** No Information, please supply if you can.



**Good For / 5c / L.S. Landing / In / Trade // 5 – Rd, Br, 29mm.**

**Note:** L.S. Landing owned a saloon in Plymouth, N.C. from 1900 through 1905. He owned a general store there from 1907 through 1930. This token is from the saloon.



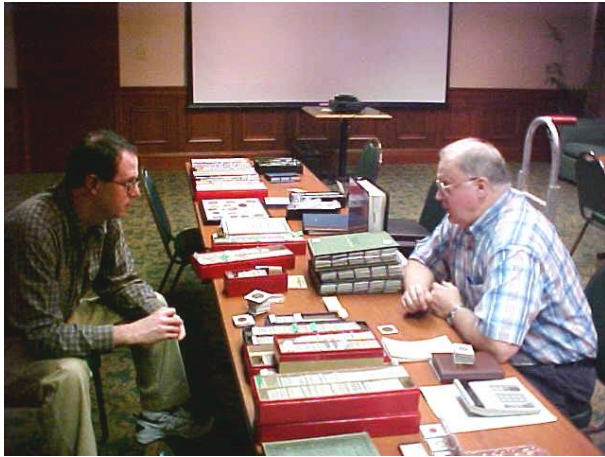
**(Star) Spruce Pine Store Co. (Star) / 10 / Wood / In Mdse. / Spruce Pine, N.C. // Master Metal Scrip / 10 / Ingle-Schierloh Co. / Dayton, O. / ICS (2) / In Trade - Rd Ni 21mm.**

**Note:** Listed from 1912 through 1943 as a general store. Since tokens exist with the word "scrip" where the word "wood" appears on this token, it is likely that the store included wood for sale.

# THE FIRST CARTS MEETING

Don Bailey

I awoke on November 6 at 4:55 AM and shut off the alarm that was due to sound at 5:00. By 5:20 my wife and I were on the road to Rock Hill. By 6:15 we were in Forest City for breakfast and fuel. It was a beautiful day and the traffic was light, even when we hit I-77 in Charlotte.



**Tony and Bob ready and waiting**

I didn't really make it to Rock Hill by 8:00 as planned but when I walked into the meeting room in the Hampton Inn at 8:10 I was surprised to see Tony and Bob already set up! From then until about 9:15 we kept guessing when (or even if) people would show up. But show up they did – not as many as might have been – sort of steadily from 9:15 to about 11:00.



**There were tokens, and tokens, and tokens.**

After a morning of trades, sales, and purchases 2 people left to drive home and the rest of us had a great lunch at a nearby Chili's restaurant. During lunch the conversation was about tokens of course, but also about textile mill store tokens, textile production tokens, the textile strike of 1934, and more. It was a great meal that I greatly enjoyed.



**Tony gives his slide show**

After lunch we returned to the Hampton Inn where Tony gave a delightful talk on "Exonomic Cherry Picking". The slides were extremely well done and the tokens displayed were not merely "cherries", they were museum quality objects that, I believe, had everyone's mouth watering.

Finally we discussed the future of CARTS, the proper amount for dues, where we should have the next CARTS meeting and so on. Officers were selected as given on page one and we all went away feeling that we were off to a good start.

Now if my account, above, doesn't make you want to attend our next meeting, maybe this will. I came away with 11 new NC trade tokens, 3 new NC transportation tokens, 3 new SC trade tokens, and 3 new NC medals. How could this not have been a great day?

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## WANTED

**TOKEN CATALOG IN PROGRESS.** Send detailed listings or call. Will pay \$50 for clear copy of 1911, 12, or 13 Dun or Brad. Have great tokens for trade. Have 10 NC Dun's in computer, call for assistance with attributions. Bob King, 33 Cardinal Dr. Brevard, NC 28712 828-883-8028, [TOKENADDICT@CITCOM.NET](mailto:TOKENADDICT@CITCOM.NET).

**CIGAR BRAND NAMES** on tokens, encased, pinbacks, fobs, pocket mirrors, etc wanted. Will buy or trade. I want these from any state or mavericks. Please let me know what you have. Randy Partin, 1314 Keystone Pointe, Auburndale, FL 33823 or email: [RPAR10@GATE.NET](mailto:RPAR10@GATE.NET)

**PEANUT COMPANY TOKENS WANTED.** I'm **still looking** for tokens from ANY peanut company. Sell me examples or send me descriptions. Don Bailey, PO Box 1272, Etowah, NC 28729 or [ELADON@BRINET.COM](mailto:ELADON@BRINET.COM).

**SEEKING ALL EXONUMIA FROM SOUTH CAROLINA** - tokens, medals, encased coins, Masonic pennies, etc. Will buy sell or trade. Have lots of good traders from many different states. Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127 or [CHIBBARO@MINDSPRING.COM](mailto:CHIBBARO@MINDSPRING.COM)

**FLORIDA TOKENS ARE MY PASSION!** I want all types from Food Stamp to Trade Tokens to everything in between. Condition not an issue for ones I do not have! Also, contact me for a free Florida Token Society newsletter and application. Steve Ratliff, 1717 Saint Marys Bay Drive, Milton, FL 32583-7343, 850-981-0693, [STEVE@RATLIFF.COM](mailto:STEVE@RATLIFF.COM).

**WANTED: NC TOKENS** especially related to cotton mills or Rutherford County; tokens from NC/SC counties contiguous to Rutherford, i.e. Cleveland, McDowell, Spartanburg, Cherokee; metal coffee tokens; Nome, Alaska tokens. Have a few trades to offer. Lamar Bland, 22 Sunrise Place, Durham, N.C. 27705, 919-383-6514, or [BLANDL@ELON.EDU](mailto:BLANDL@ELON.EDU)

**WANTED** Input from readers. Send articles, new finds, classifieds, letters to the editor, book reviews, announcements. This venture can succeed only if there is interest and response from you. Editor

**Just A Reminder:** Free ads should be no more than 50 words in length. No ads will be run continuously; a new ad must be submitted each month. The editor reserves the right to edit ads for length and any ad thought not to be in the best interest of the hobby will be rejected.